

COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

LOCATION:

In the Northwestern part of Oregon, on the Columbia River, with about 70 miles of river front.

AREA:

About 700 square miles. 422,592 acres.

TILLABLE LAND:

15,726 acres. This is land that is actually in cultivation and cleared, exclusive of town lots.

NON-TILLABLE LAND:

406,766 acres, which includes all timber where there is more than 100,000 feet on a quarter section, also all logged off land which is not suitable for and in no condition for cultivation.

TIMBER:

About seven and one half to eight billion feet.

ASSESSED VALUE OF TIMBER: \$11,467,180.

ASSESSED VALUE OF TILLABLE LAND: \$911,355.

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTY:

\$18,000,000.

MILES OF COUNTY ROADS:

500 miles, some of which is in first class condition, some in fair condition and some in very poor condition.

MILES OF RAILROADS:

About 125 miles which includes the main line of the S. P. & S. and the various logging roads.

POPULATION:

Census of 1910 gives 10,580 but a careful estimate this year gives it at least 15,000.

CLIMATE:

Temperate. During the summer the thermometer rarely reaches 100 in the shade and in the coldest weather of winter zero weather is almost unknown. During the winter months there is considerable rain, but not too much. Just enough to insure crops. Crop failures are unknown.

PRODUCTS:

Fruits of all kinds, especially apples, pears, plums and berries; Grain and grasses; garden truck of all kinds and dairying.

SHIPPING:

Ships from all parts of the world carry Columbia County products down the Columbia River and to the markets of the world. A through line of Railroads traverse the county from the North to the South. River boats carry local products to local markets at low rates.

LAND:

Thousands of acres of first class land can be purchased at reasonable prices upon which are stumps left from the timber operations. This land is especially suited for farming, fruit raising and dairying.



ST. HELENS

A city on the Columbia River, 28 miles from Portland, with a population of 2500 people. The County Seat of Columbia County. A Four year Standard High School. Methodist, Congregational, Episcopal and Catholic Churches. All the leading fraternal orders. Gravity water system owned by the city sufficient to supply a city of 10,000 people. Electric lights, graded and macadamized streets, sewers. Principal industries are lumbering, shipbuilding, creosoting, stone quarrying, fishing and shipping. Two large saw mills with a capacity of 250,000 feet per day; more than 5 million feet of lumber shipped each month; several large ocean going vessels built each year; timber treated with creosote and shipped all along the coast. Two big stone quarries and rock crushing plants in continuous operation. An average of 300 tons of Columbia River Salmon caught and marketed. A farming country back of it that cannot be excelled in the world. Several new business blocks now under construction. Five miles of sewer being built. A PAY ROLL OF NEARLY \$100,000 PER MONTH. Many beautiful and attractive homes.

INDUSTRIES:

Lumbering and timber is the principal industry; there being about twenty-five saw mills. Salmon fishing in the Columbia River is also an important industry. Farming and fruit raising; Stone quarrying; Ship building and all kinds of lumber manufacturing plants.

OPPORTUNITIES:

There are fine opportunities for the small farmer, dairyman, fruit grower and truck gardener. Also a number of choice deep water sites for manufacturing plants.

THE DELTA GARDENS:

12,000 acres of low lands along the Columbia River which have recently been dyked and are now in high state of cultivation especially adapted to growing of vegetables and small fruits.

SCHOOLS:

Four standard High Schools; Grade schools in each locality.

CHURCHES:

Nearly all denominations represented.

THE COUNTY OFFICERS:

Circuit Judges, J. U. Campbell and J. A. Eakin
District Attorney, W. B. Dillard
County Judge, A. L. Clark
County Clerk, H. E. LaBare
Sheriff, C. H. John
Assessor, C. W. Blakesley
School Superintendent, J. W. Allen
Treasurer, R. S. Hattan
Coroner, F. H. Sherwood
Surveyor, L. J. VanOrshoven
Commissioners, A. E. Harvey, B. J. Keelan.

CITIES, TOWN, AND POST OFFICES:

St. Helens	Rainier	Clatskanie	Houlton
Scappoose	Warren	Deer Island	Goble
Yankton	Vernonia	Mist	Quincy
Mayger	Marshland	Columbia City	Reuben
Apiary	Hudson	Prescott	Trenholm
Inglis			

CITY OFFICERS OF ST. HELENS

MAYOR—A. W. Mueller
COUNCILMEN—N. O. Larabee, Chas. Graham, S. C. Morton
H. Morgus
CITY ATTORNEY—J. W. Day
RECORDER—E. E. Quick
MARSHALS—J. L. Chittum, L. L. Decker
TREASURER—H. P. Watkins
WATER COMMISSION—L. E. Allen, J. W. Aiken, Robert Dixon, E. A. Crouse, John Pringle
WATER SUPERINTENDENT—Chas. Lope
FIRE CHIEF—L. E. Allen

COURT PROCEEDINGS

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as now made, together with notice of the time and place of making such tax levy, be published in the county official newspapers for two consecutive publications, beginning December 10, 1914, being as follows:

NOTICE is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 29th day of December, 1914, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p. m., a meeting of the County Court of the County of Columbia, will be held in the County Court Room, in the City of St. Helens, for the purpose of levying taxes to defray the probable expenses of the county, and that at said time and place, any taxpayer subject to such tax levy when made, may be heard in favor of or against any proposed tax levies as may be required to raise the amounts as shown by the itemized estimate of contemplated expenditures from the moneys proposed to be raised by taxation, as made by the County Court, being as follows:

GENERAL FUND.	
Roads and Highways.	
Supervisors, viewers and damages	\$ 4,200.00
Interest on Highway Bonds	13,000.00
Sinking fund	12,000.00
County road master, salary	1,300.00
County road master, assistants	1,350.00
County road master, expense	342.00
County road master, supplies	240.00
County surveyor, per diem	1,000.00
County surveyor, clerks	532.40
County surveyor, supplies	35.00
County Court.	
County Judge, salary	1,400.00
County Judge, expense	115.00
Commissioners, per diem	1,100.00
Commissioners, traveling expenses	500.00
County Court, supplies	50.00
Publishing Court proceedings	1,000.00
Exporting books	400.00
Fire Patrol and fire fighting	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	42.00
Sheriff's Office.	
Salary of sheriff	1,400.00
Salary of deputy	1,000.00
Salary of clerks	200.00

Traveling expense, bonds postage,	1,200.00
Supplies	200.00
Clerk's Office.	
Salary of clerk	1,400.00
Salary of deputy	900.00
Salary of assistants	600.00
Bonds, postage and expense	255.00
Supplies	550.00
Treasurer's Office.	
Salary of treasurer	600.00
Salary of Clerks	1,000.00
Bonds, postage and expense	210.00
Supplies	300.00
Assessors Office.	
Salary of assessor	1,200.00
Salary of deputy	800.00
Salary of clerks	700.00
POUR.	
Bonds, postage and expense	215.00
Supplies	300.00
Court House.	
Janitor	750.00
Supplies	400.00
Repairs	150.00
Miscellaneous	772.00
Circuit Court.	
Jury	5,500.00
Witnesses	2,500.00
Reporters and bailiffs	1,450.00
District and special attorney	500.00
Expense of district attorney	100.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Justice Courts.	
Justice fees	300.00
Justice expense	175.00
Jury	50.00
Witnesses	400.00
Coroner.	
Coroner fees	200.00
Expense	75.00
Insane.	
Examinations	120.00
Relief	25.00
Superintendent of Schools.	
Salary	1,300.00
Clerks	100.00
Institute and School officers' meeting	250.00
Traveling expense, bond, postage, etc	550.00
Miscellaneous.	
Health officer's salary	240.00
Supplies for health officer	65.00
Fruit Inspector and expense	400.00
State Tax (estimated)	35,000.00
School Tax (estimated)	32,000.00
Library (estimated)	400.00
Indigent Soldiers	100.00
Widow's pensions	2,000.00
Care of poor	4,000.00

Jail	1,150.00	Indemnity for slaughtered cattle	480.00
Tax rebate	430.00	County Fair	1,000.00
Scalp bounty	150.00		
Sealer of W. & M. and supplies	230.00	Total	\$151,760.40
Roads and Highways.			
Bridges and maintenance, implements, etc.			\$ 30,000.00
Permanent improvement, expended in the several districts according to valuation,			104,000.00
GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS.			
Road District No. 1.			
Repairs and maintenance		\$1,000.00	
Watts road		500.00	
J. P. Wurt and Adams road		250.00	
W. J. Fullerton and Loberg roads		150.00	
Frank L. Smith road		250.00	
E. J. Smith road		100.00	
Parsons to Spitzenberg		1,851.53	4,132.53
Road District No. 2.			
Repairs and maintenance		1,500.00	
Warren-Spitzenberg, west end of work in 1914, N. and E. to W. end of 1914 work on Bennett road		1,500.00	
Branch road west from Warren school		200.00	
Kappler road, rocking 1914 work		750.00	
Millard road to R. R. crossing		500.00	
Robbins road		300.00	
Sobinski road		250.00	
St. Helens to McNulty creek		1,711.00	
Upper Milton creek bridge, to Smith's Hill		250.00	7,061.00
Road District No. 3.			
Repairs and maintenance		1,000.00	
Caaman road		2,000.00	
Goble-Tide Creek mail route		1,116.00	5,116.00
Road District No. 4.			
Repairs and maintenance		1,000.00	
Beaver Valley road		3,355.47	
Rainier-Delema road		500.00	
Everman road, Hudson school to Woodbine cemetery		750.00	
Lost Creek road		750.00	6,355.47
Road District No. 5.			
Repairs and maintenance		1,000.00	
Keystone road extension		2,000.00	
Mayger to Quincy		1,473.79	4,473.79
Road District No. 6.			
Repairs and maintenance		1,000.00	
Mist-Clatskanie road, extension on top of hill		2,052.47	3,052.47
Road District No. 7.			
Repairs and maintenance		1,500.00	
Beaver Creek road		2,928.99	4,428.99
Total			\$149,421.25
Special School District Levies.			
No. 1.	Rate.		
1	7 Mills	14	5 Mills
2	8 Mills	15	6 Mills
3	10 Mills	16	7 Mills
4	11 Mills	17	8 Mills
5	12 Mills	18	9 Mills
6	13 Mills	19	10 Mills
7	14 Mills	20	11 Mills
8	15 Mills	21	12 Mills
9	16 Mills	22	13 Mills
10	17 Mills	23	14 Mills
11	18 Mills	24	15 Mills

39	6 Mills	Friday, December 18, 1914, Seventh Judicial Day.
30	4 Mills	Court came pursuant to adjournment.
31	3 Mills	Officers all present.
32	2 Mills	Due proclamation being made, the following proceedings were had:
33	8 Mills	Matter of right-of-way for Pittsburg-St. Helens Highway across lands of George and Effie Wilson.
34	10 Mills	On this day this matter coming on for consideration upon the examination of a duly executed deed from George Wilson and Effie Wilson, forever dedicating to the public, for road purposes, a certain strip of land sixty feet in width as surveyed over and across the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 29, in Township 5 north, Range 2 west, of the Willamette Meridian, being a portion of the Pittsburg-St. Helens Highway, as located by the Oregon State Highway Engineer, and the Court being advised in the matter, it is ordered by the Court that said deed be, and the same is hereby approved.
36	3 1/2 Mills	It is further ordered by the Court that the Clerk of this Court be, and he is hereby instructed to issue a warrant on the Pittsburg-St. Helens Bond Fund, in the sum of \$600.00, in favor of said George Wilson, in full payment for said right of way.
40	1/2 Mills	Whereupon, Court adjourned until Friday, December 25, 1914.
42	1/4 Mills	
43	13 Mills	
44	4 Mills	
45	2 Mills	
47	20 Mills	
48	4 Mills	
49	1 1/2 Mills	
50	4 1/2 Mills	
51	4-10 Mills	
53	9 Mills	
54	2 Mills	
55	2 1/2 Mills	
7 Jt.	2 1/2 Mills	
Special City Levies on File.		
Clatskanie	8 Mills	
St. Helens	5 Mills	
Rainier	5 Mills	
Vernonia	5 Mills	
Warrants Outstanding and Unpaid December 1, 1914.		
General Fund	\$30,115.74	
Road Fund	2,605.28	
Special Road Fund	159.90	
Highway Bond Fund	922.30	
Statement of Probable Receipt from Sources Other than Taxation.		
Fines, Circuit Court	500.00	
Fines, Justice Courts	200.00	
Fees of Clerk's Office	4,000.00	
Fees of Sheriff's Office	500.00	
Interest of Deposits	2,000.00	
State, motor vehicle fund	200.00	
Billiard Licenses	50.00	
One-half Scalp Bounty	75.00	
County Fair Fund	1,000.00	
Location State Highway	18,503.04	
Total	\$37,038.04	
Cash on Hand December 1, 1914.		
All Funds.		
General Fund	1,517.24	
County Road	45,806.49	
County School	73.97	
Special Road	2,515.12	
Special School	1,561.50	
Special City	108.64	
Library	70.79	
Trust Funds	897.32	
Indigent Soldiers	74.65	
Game Fund	919.17	
School Dist. No. 13, bonds	95.50	
Fire Patrol	520.00	
Highway Bond Fund	20.32	
Total	\$107,764.68	
Whereupon, Court adjourned until Friday, December 18, 1914.		

STATE EXPENSE FOR TWO YEARS

According to the budget prepared by Secretary of State Olcott, the expenses of the state departments, boards and institutions for the coming biennial period will total \$5,771,396.47, an increase of \$802,075.60 over the previous biennial period. Of this sum the Legislature must appropriate \$3,839,095.64, the remainder of the revenue being derived through continuing appropriations, millage, taxes and fees. In connection with the budget the Secretary issued the following explanation: "From the statement and summary it will be observed that the estimated expenses of the several state officers, departments, boards and institutions for the ensuing biennial period, 1915-16, aggregate \$5,771,396.47, which amount includes the sum of \$38,224.62 allotted by the Emergency Board to meet deficiencies in sundry appropriations for the current biennial period of 1915-16, which were found to be inadequate for the purposes intended."